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Town to upgrade 20th Avenue

BY FRANK DABBS

MVP Staff

The tender for the \$1.12 million Rosebud Trunk Line that is under budget has freed up money to spend on the \$1.6 million first phase of 20th Avenue rehabilitation.

At the July 26 council meeting, Coun. Lavar Adams moved that the town proceed with Phase 1 of the rehabilitation, which will run from 10th Street to 19th Street.

Council approved the motion unanimously.

The centerpiece of the rehabilitation is the construction of a median boulevard down the centre of 20th Avenue and landscaping it with sod and trees.

Phase 1 will also include new sidewalk and curbs, repaving and the installation of a stormwater system between 14th and 15th streets.

Phase 2, to be approved by council in a future year, includes installation of new streetlights with a wrought-iron period design that matches those on 20th Street downtown. Phase 2 will also see the lining of the sanitary system.

The rehabilitation was in the 2016 capital budget, but was knocked off because the town needed the funds for the Rosebud Truck Line built on the town's northwest corner to service Shantz Village and other new development on vacant land.

The town's administration told council it is possible that Phase 1 of the project will achieve significant cost savings "due to competitive pricing."

Prior to the urgency for the Rosebud Truck Line, this project was a priority



Town of Didsbury

Computer image of the design of the 20th Avenue median boulevard when completed, trees planted and lighting installed.

for council, an administration report sent to council in July said.

"The (rehabilitation) project will bring a major benefit to the community

by setting a solid first impression for residents and visitors," the report said.

The avenue is the main entrance to the town, receiving traffic from

Highway 2A and Highway 2.

The rehabilitation and the new median boulevard will start in front of Aspen Ridge Lodge at 10 St.

Bylaw wording changed to facilitate gardens

Sidewalk setback eliminated

BY FRANK DABBS

MVP Staff

Didsbury's boulevard garden champion says that a small change to the wording of a bylaw will make a big difference to the development of streetside gardens.

Kathy Gammon pointed to a last-minute improvement by town officials that eliminated a one-foot setback from the sidewalk required for boulevard gardens in the draft of the section of the Community Standards bylaw regulating the gardens.

Gammon said the wording is now that a boulevard garden is not to "encroach" on the sidewalk and that will make the planting and care of such gardens easier.

The change in wording took place just before council considered approving the new section of the bylaw. An article in the Didsbury Review Aug. 2 did not incorporate the change in the wording of the bylaw.

"It doesn't seem like much but it will mean a great deal to boulevard gardeners," said Gammon.



Noel West/MVP Staff

An RCMP officer aims a rifle at a house in the 1700 block of 14 Street. The RCMP had the house surrounded for most of the day, the evening and early the following morning while conducting an investigation. See story page 3.



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Twenty-year ATB employee Ian Aman (top row left) stopped at the Didsbury ATB branch Aug. 12 on his 62-day, 1,600 kilometre run across Alberta from the Northwest Territories to Montana. Ian is partnering with Canadian Mental Health Association and half a dozen corporate sponsors to raise awareness of the mental health of Canadians. His wife (to his left) Sasah, son Chase, dad Les and (front row) daughter Hunter and son Noah are travelling with him. He visited Didsbury on Day 43 of his run and is pictured here with ATB colleagues (from left) Ginny Hyndman, Deb Hennes and Baily DunnDuhaime in celebratory sun glasses.

Mother and daughter hurt in freak accident

BY FRANK DABBS
MVP Staff

A 41-year-old mother and her 12-year-old daughter were injured Saturday afternoon in a rural area near Water Valley as they watched their companions pull an off high-

way vehicle (OHV) out of the mud. The operator of the OHV lost control during the tow-out and the vehicle struck the pair, police said. Didsbury RCMP and EMS responded and STARS air ambulance was mobilized but not required as the injuries were non-

life-threatening.

The woman and child were taken to a Calgary hospital by ambulance.

Police have not laid charges and the investigation was continuing at press time.

No names have yet been released.

Police briefs

Vehicles broken into

A vehicle was broken into on Westhill Place in Didsbury on July 30 and a wallet was stolen. Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kimberly Pasloske said credit cards inside the wallet have since been used at multiple different stores.

Meanwhile, another vehicle was broken into sometime overnight on Aug. 7 while it was parked on 23rd Street A wallet and dirt bike helmets were stolen.

Pasloske said someone also attempted to steal a 2015 Dodge Ram on 23rd Street on Aug. 7 and the ignition was punched.

Sometime between Aug. 3 and 5 someone broke into a vehicle on 19th Avenue and stole cash and a cheque.

Impaired driver arrested

Didsbury RCMP officers arrested a 67-year-old man from Crossfield for impaired driving near Highway 580 and Rge. Rd. 35 on Aug. 10.

Sgt. Pasloske said the man was charged with impaired driving and having a blood alcohol level exceeding the legal limit.

Utility trailer stolen

A silver and white enclosed 14-foot utility trailer was stolen from a rural property on Twp. Rd. 300 on Aug. 3. Sgt. Pasloske said the owners have been renovating the property and had a number of construction tools inside the trailer, including compressors, a band saw and table saw.

Car prowlers caught in the act

A Carstairs resident witnessed a man and woman attempting to break into a vehicle around 1:40 a.m. on Aug. 8 while it was parked on McCrimmon Drive.

Sgt. Pasloske said when the resident confronted them they took off.

The man is described as five-foot-ten-inches, approximately 20 years old and slender with short, light hair. He was wearing a grey long sleeve shirt and black pants. The woman is Caucasian, five-foot-five-inches, approximately 20 years old and slender. She was wearing black pants and a sweater with a hood.

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Council will not be meeting in August

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Kristopher Pickett/Phil Boucher - Development Officers

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RCMP firearms bust

Proceeding with extreme caution during a standoff in the 1700 block of 14 St. that lasted about 12 hours Friday and Saturday, RCMP officers surrounded a house then entered with the help of police dogs after tear gas was discharged. The officers seized the undisclosed contents of a firearms cache in an operation that closed the street for several hours and detained suspects for further investigation.

No one was injured. The operation included police dog services and an emergency response team in the execution of a search warrant. The street was closed with a blockade of RCMP vehicles from mid-afternoon on Aug. 12 to the early hours of Aug. 13. No charges had been laid by press time and police have not released the names of suspects. An investigation by police into the illegal possession of firearms is continuing.

The Didsbury RCMP detachment is seeking more information, and asks the public with details to call the detachment at 403-335-3382 or if they wish to remain anonymous, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS).



The house in the 1700 block of 14 Street in Didsbury that was the target of an RCMP firearms seizure Aug. 12 and 13

Noel West/MVP Staff



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An RCMP officer takes a photo into the suspect house at the rear of the property during a 12 hour firearms take-down.



Noel West/MVP Staff

An RCMP officer aims a rifle at a house in the 1700 block of 14 Street. The RCMP had the house surrounded during the afternoon and evening of Aug. 12 and into the early morning of Aug. 13 while conducting an investigation and firearms seizure.

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Olds building stats down

BY DOUG COLLIE
MVP Staff

The value of building and development permits in Olds in June fell more than \$1 million from a year ago, but town development officer Carey Keleman sees room for optimism.

"We had a busy month, she told the Municipal Planning Commission. During June, the town issued a total of 15 development and building permits for \$1,265,775 worth of projects, down more than \$1 million from June last year, when the town issued 17 permits for projects worth a total of \$2,272,750.

In June this year, the town issued three permits for commercial building projects worth \$60,075, compared to two worth \$12,750 in June last year.

The town approved one institutional permit for a project worth \$85,000. Last year it approved one in that category for a project worth \$400,000.

No industrial permits were issued during June this year or June 2015.

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Who will lead economic development?

At its Aug. 10 meeting the Municipal Planning Commission did economic development in a tiny bite and in slow motion.

The commission had a very small agenda; just one piece of business.

It approved, as a non-conforming land use, a residential attached garage built decades ago. What was at issue was a matter of metres: a few inches here, a few feet there.



FRANK DABBS

But for the present owners it was the difference between carrying on now and selling the property later without enormous inconvenience and expense.

This decision by the MPC is not in the same category as approving a new commercial or industrial structure.

However the good governance of the small tasks sure helps ensure that the other will take place.

And good governance comes about through common sense and fairness as well as sensible rules.

As the decades have gone by and the codes and regulations that govern land use and building construction have changed, discrepancies have emerged.

What was OK when a home was built in 1910 may no longer meet the standards of the present day.

If safety, aesthetics and the impact on neighbours are at issue, the definition of compliance is one thing. If it is just a matter of the rules then and the rules now, then compliance is something else.

Good judgment and flexibility in the small daily chores that the MPC and the development staff do is the same good judgment and flexibility that outside investors are looking for when they select a new business home.

The secret of successful business development is in the small things, and not just the small things that town staff and committees do.

When a merchant or her staff meet and greet a customer, they have the future of the economy in their hands.

The stranger that they serve may be a business owner or investor scouting the town.

Good business development means treating every new customer as a possible new employer for someone in your family, a possible regular customer, a possible new supplier to your business.

But the town's staff, the business sale clerks and restaurant wait staff all need leaders.

Didsbury has no visible economic development leadership.

The town does not have a business development officer and council shows little collective interest in growing its relationship with the Central Alberta Economic Partnership.

The ABCD committee started by the previous president of the chamber of commerce does not meet.

The new chamber of commerce is not yet moving to play a role town business development beyond its role in major events.

In the current Alberta economy, new business development is competitive.

Team Didsbury is not on the playing field.



Letters

Didsbury's 20th Ave. boulevard not best use of funds

A boulevard project is planned from 10th Street to 19th Street, along 20th Avenue, the east entrance to Didsbury.

New sidewalk and curb, including: milling of asphalt and repaving; installation of a centre boulevard with landscaping; and installation of a storm-water system between 15th Street and 14th Street.

Phase 2 of the project would include: streetlights installed in the centre boulevard and lining of the sanitary system.

The estimated cost of Phase 1 of the project is currently \$1,693,750 plus GST and contingency.

The town says that besides the installation of some much-needed underground infrastructure, this project will set a solid first impression for residents and visitors as they enter the town.

Why would council think this is the best use of available funds?

The asphalt and sidewalk along 20th Avenue continue to be ripped up to repair underground services long past their service life. The asphalt currently looks like a patch work quilt. Putting new asphalt and concrete over the current underground infrastructure is, in my opinion, a waste of money.

Placement of a centre boulevard, without the ability to economically widen the roadway, has a negative impact on the current businesses' customer

parking and would further hamper the winter snow removal process. The artist's conceptual images with matured trees would be a physical impediment to the large commercial vehicles.

Assuming the one block storm system would be underground, the installation of a storm sewer system for one block appears to be a total waste of money as well.

If funding was to come available for Phase 2, the repair of the existing sanitary system by using a lining has a shorter life span than complete replacement. Again this appears to be a short-sighted use of available funds.

In my opinion council needs to sort out its "wants" and "needs" list that allows the project to start with a solid, long-term foundation.

I would suggest starting a project from 19th Street, moving east with sanitary system replacement of all existing services right onto the property line of each commercial and residential lot and repaving the avenue, as far east as funding would allow. If additional funding was to become available, I would suggest underground storm sewer system should be added to the project prior to any major sidewalk replacement is considered.

Murray F. Smith
Didsbury

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BARKLEY, Barry McEwan
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A Celebration of Life will be held for family and close friends in Carstairs on August 28th. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to STARS Air Ambulance.

The family would like to thank the Carstairs and Didsbury paramedics, the STARS paramedic, nurse and pilots, the Foothills ICU doctors and nurses that cared for Barry over his final days.

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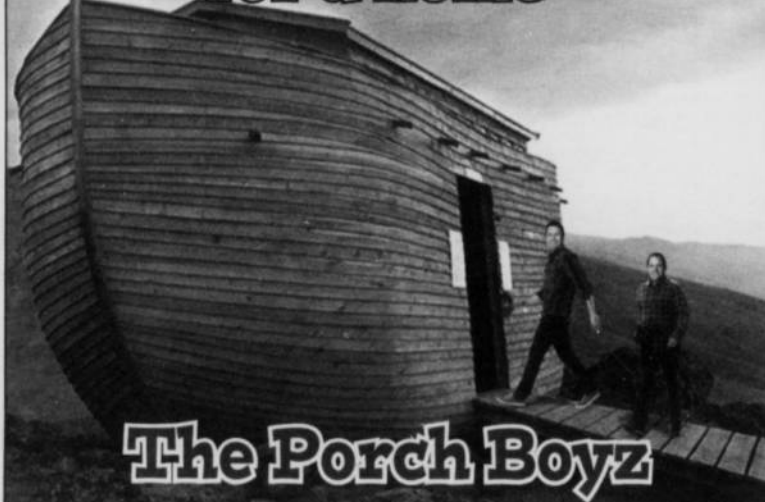
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5 Valarosa Point



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5214 - 44 Street, Olds



3 + 1 bedroom family home, 2 baths, original hardwood floors, upgraded bathrooms, new basement stairs, large yard, single detached garage, centrally located

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25 Park Place



Very all cared for half duplex 3 bedrooms 1 1/2 bathrooms some new flooring, open floor plan, on demand hot water, in-floor heat, huge fenced back yard

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